

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 1728

A bill to amend title 37, United States Code, to ensure equal treatment for members of reserve components who perform inactive-duty training in determining their entitlement for aviation incentive pay and hazardous duty pay

As introduced on April 10, 2003

H.R. 1728 would provide to members of the reserves and National Guard the full monthly entitlement for certain incentive pay. Under current law, military personnel can receive a monthly allowance for performing certain duties. Active-duty members receive the full amount for being qualified for any day in a month. Reserve component members receive a prorated share of the monthly allowance based on the number of days that particular duty is performed. This bill would provide to members of the reserves and National Guard the full monthly entitlement for hazardous duty incentive pay, officer aviation career incentive pay, and career enlisted flyers incentive pay regardless of the number of days that duty is performed.

At this time, CBO cannot determine the cost of implementing H.R. 1728. To estimate the cost, CBO would need to obtain data from the Department of Defense (DoD) on the number of reservists who are currently receiving these forms of incentive pay and the average amount of incentive pay per servicemember. CBO has requested this information from DoD, but the agency has not yet provided the necessary data. If and when DoD furnishes this information, CBO could then estimate the costs of this bill.

H.R. 1728 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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